

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Dear Colleague

**Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment: Letter of Assurance for Core Service Employees and those in Governance**

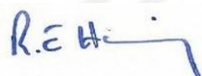
In accordance with the requirements of the DfE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education and the Childcare Disqualification Requirements – Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006, I can confirm that Westcountry Schools Trust have undertaken all the necessary safeguarding, safer recruitment and vetting and barring checks for all Core Services Team employees, and those in governance, who visit schools/colleges within Westcountry Schools Trust. This includes Enhanced DBS Disclosures and Children's Barred List checks where appropriate.

Westcountry Schools Trust's Core Service employees, and those in governance, have had the following safeguarding training in line with the School's requirements and Ofsted expectations:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education – confirmation that employees have read and understood
- Prevent training
- Level 2 safeguarding training

All members of the Core Services Team, and those in governance, have WeST photo identification cards and lanyards, and are required to wear these when visiting WeST schools. Where local arrangements allow these WeST ID cards/lanyards may be worn without the need for an additional visitors badge/lanyard.

Yours sincerely



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